



## *Council of Democratic Clubs*

### *Meeting Notes – February 18, 2012*

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- Democratic Clubs Present:
  - DEMCCO, Ken Clarence & Bill Staggs
  - East County, Bonnie Price
  - Eastlake-Bonita, Vivian Sherril
  - Escondido, Rick Bova
  - La Jolla, Derek Casady
  - La Mesa Foothills, Barney McEntire
  - Lake San Marcos, Mory Borevitz
  - Mesa, Eleanor Mang
  - Pacific Beach, Lawrence Zynda
  - Rancho Santa Fe, Maureen Sweeney
  - Uptown, Aaron DeGroot
  - CDC, Michael McQuary
- Guests:
  - Jack Bowsher, Author
  - John Mattes, Media Committee
  - Kami Olsson, GoTeam
  - George Schaefer, Judicial Candidate
- This month our Council of Clubs again heard from Jack E. Gowser, Author of “Educating Voters for Rebuilding America: National Goals and Balanced Budget in This Decade,” to reach those who were attending pre-endorsement caucuses last month. He would love to have an opportunity to speak at all our clubs. Tremendous research has gone into the book which emphasizes 6 National Goals:
  - Peace with Strong Defense and Homeland Security Systems
  - Prosperity with High Level of Employment
  - Adequate and Affordable Health Care System for all
  - Superior and Affordable Education Systems
  - Efficient and Affordable Government
  - Decent Retirement for Senior Citizens
- Our second speaker was John Mattes, a member of SDCDP’s Media Committee, who we hope will have an opportunity speak at all our clubs on why and how to frame our message during this important election year.
- Kami Olsson, Leader of SDCDP’s successful and growing Go Team program, distributed the Grassroots Organizing Team Community Points of Contact flyer. She too would love to work with clubs to help them reach out to our voters.
- Three of our clubs hoped to become Club of the Year. They were Democratic Club of Carlsbad Oceanside, Poway Democratic Club, and Pacific Beach Democratic. The winner was Pacific Beach with 7 votes. Poway received 3 & DEMCCO 2. The award will be presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Dinner on Saturday April 14, 2012 at the Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive, Downtown San Diego. Flyers with details were distributed to members in attendance.
  - All clubs are encouraged to reserve at least one table of ten and should RSVP to (858) 277-3367 or go to [www.sddemocrats.org/dinner](http://www.sddemocrats.org/dinner).
  - To purchase a program ad or donate a silent auction item, please email [info@sddemocrats.org](mailto:info@sddemocrats.org).

- Chartered clubs received Certificates of Charter for 2012. More clubs will be rechartered by the Central Committee during February's meeting 17<sup>th</sup>:
 

Chula Vista Democratic Club	La Jolla Democratic Club
Eastlake Bonita Democratic Club	La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club
Democrats for Equality	Uptown Democratic Club (Pending Dues)
- Clubs have an opportunity to purchase Obama 2012 merchandise by bulk through the County Democratic Party. It's a great opportunity for club fundraising and visibility too. Blue & white versions of 3" x 9" bumper sticker and 2.25" buttons are available in batches of 50 for \$50.. The recommended contribution for 1 is \$3. Just drop by the office or contact Meg Mandy at [meg@sddemocrats.org](mailto:meg@sddemocrats.org) or 858-277-3367.
- Michael McQuary now serves as Secretary & Regional VP for the California Democratic Council. They will be holding a grassroots endorsement process from 3am Saturday, April 21 through 8pm Monday, April 23, 2012. It's an online voting process for Federal, State Senate & State Assembly. To participate (club president plus 1 vote per 10 members), clubs must apply for or update their memberships. For more information visit <http://www.cdc-ca.org> or email [affiliate@cdc.ca.org](mailto:affiliate@cdc.ca.org). Also, they are scheduled to conduct leadership training in San Bernardino on Saturday, March 31. Training will be held in San Diego later in the year.
- Mary Borevitz invited all clubs to attend Lake San Marcos' meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to hear Christine Pelosi speak on Call to Service: Fighting for a Democratic Future ([www.lsm.sddem.org](http://www.lsm.sddem.org) for directions). They plan to invite her to attend the Roosevelt Dinner that evening, but believe she'd be a great speaker & should at bare minimum recognized in some way. Mang will pass information on to Jess Durfee and Ryan Hurd.
- Rancho Santa Fe's Maureen Sweeney suggested that Council of Clubs members submit suggestion of books to Mang to build a Recommended Books file.
- Derek Casady of La Jolla mentioned the film **Forks Over Knives**. It examines the profound claim that most, if not all degenerative diseases can be controlled or even reversed. What does genetically engineered food really do to us?



**Next Meeting: March 17, 2012 - 10:00 am to noon**